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IN RE APPLICATION OF

Art Unit: 1613

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APPLICATION NO: 09/091,333

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FOR: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF 2-CHLORO-5-  
CHLOROMETHYL-THIAZOLEAssistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR DECLARATION OF INTERFERENCE**  
**PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.607**

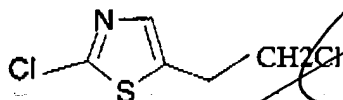
Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office action of May 18, 2001, having a response period set to expire on August 18, 2001, here extended by request to expire on November 19, 2001 (Monday). Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please add the following new claim:

-- Claim 69. (New Claim) . Process for the preparation of 2-chloro-5-chloromethylthiazole of the formula (I)



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